

**BOROUGH OF LAKEHURST
WORK SESSION/REGULAR MEETING
MARCH 5, 2020
MINUTES**

MEETING OPENED AT 7:30 P.M. BY MAYOR HARRY ROBBINS.

ALL STOOD FOR THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND MOMENT OF SILENCE.

PUBLIC MEETINGS STATEMENT READ INTO RECORD BY MUNICIPAL CLERK CAPASSO:

“IN COMPLIANCE WITH N.J.S.A. 10:4, OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT, NOTICE WAS GIVEN TO TWO NEWSPAPERS, AND POSTED, THAT A WORK SESSION AND REGULAR MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL IS SCHEDULED FOR THE FIFTH DAY OF MARCH, 2020, WITH THE WORK SESSION TO BEGIN AT THE HOUR OF 7:30 P.M. AND THE REGULAR MEETING TO BEGIN IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING AT THE LAKEHURST COMMUNITY CENTER, 207 CENTER STREET, LAKEHURST, NEW JERSEY, AT WHICH TIME, THE BUSINESS OF THE BOROUGH WILL BE CONDUCTED.”

ROLL CALL:

COUNCILMAN DAVIS: PRESENT COUNCILMAN LOWE: PRESENT
COUNCILMAN DiMEO: PRESENT COUNCILMAN McCARTHY: PRESENT
COUNCILWOMAN HODGES: PRESENT COUNCILMAN OGLESBY: PRESENT
MAYOR HARRY ROBBINS: PRESENT

WORK SESSION:

PROCLAMATION IN RECOGNITION OF JUNIOR GIRL SCOUT TROOP 176
BRONZE AWARD RECIPIENTS

Mayor Robbins presented Bronze Award Recipient Proclamation to the Junior Girl Scouts Troop 176 for making a difference in their community.

REVIEW OF REGULAR MEETING AGENDA:

Municipal Clerk Capasso reviewed the regular meeting agenda.

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS:

Time opened: 7:37 pm

NO PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mayor Robbins stated the borough received some free workout equipment that can be accessible for all borough employees.

Mr. Lowe recommended the borough reach out to JIF for their recommendations to having a workout room then have the borough attorney write-up a hold harmless agreement for employees that use the workout equipment.

Councilman Davis asked if the borough could put on the website the Community Garden will be starting up soon and a coordinator is needed.

Mr. Davis stated Sean Parker, Treasurer for the Fire Department, is requesting a meeting to discuss the Fire Departments temporary budget and the purchase of radio's that need to be update to county's standards.

Mayor Robbins responded have Mr. Parker reach out to the Public Safety Committee.

Councilman McCarthy stated his report will be discussed during executive session.

MAYOR COMMENTS:

Mayor Robbins reported he met with the County Road Department to discuss the repaving of county roads in the borough. Mayor Robbins stated the county will be repaving circle to circle adding while the county "holds off" repaving Union Avenue, Center Street, and Pine Street due to the water main replacement project, they will be repaving Myrtle Street and Chestnut Street.

COMMENTS FROM PUBLIC:

Time opened: 7:48 pm

Bruce Margenson, 5 Geneva Road, stated a concern regarding the loss of two businesses along Union Avenue. Mr. Margenson stated there a few cars along Union Avenue that are parked longer than the two-hour allotment suggesting the borough put in parking meters.

Mayor Robbins stated the borough did look into putting parking meters in many years ago and added he will address the parking issue with the police chief.

Mr. Margenson stated another concern regarding rent control for senior citizens at Barker's Village.

Municipal Clerk Capasso asked if all residents in Barker's Village rent adding the owner of the Barker's Village had stated to her that there are no renters at the trailer park

Mr. Margenson responded all the new trailers are rented.

Council President Oglesby suggested the Code Enforcement Officer go door-to-door to get the number of rentals in the trailer park.

Mayor Robbins responded the borough will look into the matter regarding rent control and added he will have the Code Enforcement Office get a number of rentals.

Time closed: 7:58

CLOSED SESSION:

Municipal Clerk Capasso reads resolution to go into closed session:

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Section 8 of the Open Public Meetings Act, Chapter 231, P. L. 1975, permits the exclusion of the public from a meeting in certain circumstances, **and**

WHEREAS, this public body is of the opinion that such circumstances presently exist.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Lakehurst, County of Ocean, State of New Jersey, as follows:

The public shall be excluded from discussion of and action upon the hereinafter specified subject matter.

The general nature of the subject matters to be discussed is as follows:

PERSONNEL MATTERS CONTRACT NEGOTIATIONS

It is anticipated at this time that the above stated subject matter will be made public.

This resolution shall take effect immediately.

Motion by: James Davis

Seconded by: Brian DiMeo

To approve resolution to go into closed session. Roll call vote held. All votes affirmative.

Time into closed session: 8:00 pm

Time out of closed session: 8:48 pm

Motion by: Steven Oglesby

Seconded by: Patricia Hodges

To end closed session. Roll call vote held. All votes affirmative.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion by: Steven Oglesby

Seconded by: Brian DiMeo

To adjourn meeting. Roll call vote held. All votes affirmative. Time: 8:48 pm

Maryanne Capasso, RMC
Municipal Clerk